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## Thanks

... to those parents who have assisted, supported and encouraged their children in the run up to our international schools English and Maths competitions ... not that many more sleeps and it is all over for 2015!

... to the Darroch family for the donation of the giant rabbit to our school

... to the Holwell family for making their farm available for cross country

## People of the week

... the school choir and Mr Schuster for all of the hard work in the build-up to the music festival

... Liam R who not only holds doors open for adults and goes out of his way for his peers, but who offers to help his teacher every morning

... our caretaker, Mr Palmer, who is always there when we need him.

## Term calendar *(We will advise further dates as these come to hand)*

11 August	ICAS Maths Exam
12 August	School Cross Country event
19 August	Choir Festival
20 August	Zone cross country (Te Horo)
24 August	Regional Science Fair
25 August	Hearing and Vision testing (New Entrants)
26 August	Year 6, 7 & 8 visit to science fair and public library
1 September	Interschool cross country
15 September	Year 7 and 8 trip to Waitangi
16 September	Talent Quest
25 September	Final day of term 3

## School Cross-Country

... as advised last week, our School Cross Country will take place at the farm opposite the school on Wednesday 12 August.

Thanks to Sumpter Baughen and Total Bobcat Solutionz who are sponsors of this year's cross-country

Hoping to see you there .. please extend this invite to extended family!

The approximate race schedule is as follows ..

Year 7 & 8	12:40	12 year olds
	12:50	11 year olds
Year 5 & 6	1:05	10 year olds
	1:15	9 year olds
Year 3/4	1:30	8 year old Girls
	1:40	8 year old Boys
Year 3 (Under 8 at 1/1/15)	1:50	Yr 3 Girls
		Yr 3 Boys
Year 2	2:00	Yr 2 Girls
	2:10	Yr 2 Boys
Year 0/1	2:15	Year 0/1 Girls
	2:20	Year 0/1 Boys
	2:25	Kindy Race (boys & girls together)
End of the day	2:35	<b>Prize Giving</b>

### School Cross Country 12<sup>th</sup> August

Please help by ...

... supporting on the day ... it isn't the same without you!

... not taking your children early ... we want them to clap others over the line just as they were clapped over the line ... and also to be part of the prize giving.

... by encouraging your children to return to the school seating area after their races.



### Zone Cross Country - Te Horo School - 20 August

Consents were issued early this week for the zone cross country to Y4 and up children who indicated they would like to attend. Children may travel by return on the bus for \$7 each, or be taken by a parent. We have extended the return date for consents to Tuesday 11 August. Please note that hangi orders are also due back by 11 August, there will be other food for sale as well. (If you would like your child to attend the zone cross country, and you have not received a consent, please contact the school office on Monday).

### Matarau Netball

Well Done to the following "Players of the Day"



Yr 2 - Eva P



Yr 3 - Paige H

### Signage ... can you help?

We know that we need to replace / upgrade many of our school signs. Signage can be expensive, and we like to use your money wisely. If you know of anyone who might be able to give us some favourable rates, please contact Kevin or Helen next week.

### Our focus virtue for the next month or so is TRUTHFULNESS

Please discuss the truthfulness virtue with your children over coming weeks. Spend time talking about why truthfulness matters, how you practice it in your life, and maybe set some truthfulness goals. Truthfulness is a tricky but crucial virtue. It really cuts to the heart of character and sometimes challenges us in ways other virtues do not.

Please find support material attached.

### Important High School Information Dates

10 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>HERE</b> - Excellere College 2:00 – 2:30 Presentation for parents and students
11 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>HERE</b> - KHS Interviews and Enrolments from 1pm <i>Bookings to be made through our school office please</i>
17 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>HERE</b> – WGHS Interviews and Enrolments 9am-12.30pm <i>Bookings to be made through our school office please</i>
24 <sup>th</sup> August	WGHS – Enrolments begin at WGHS If you are unable to make interviews and enrolments here on 17 <sup>th</sup> August you can make an appointment through WGHS – Start Time 8.45am
25 <sup>th</sup> August	Huanui College – Open Evening from 6.30pm-8.30pm <i>Also..... Tours by Principal every Tuesday morning at 9.30am</i>
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	WGHS – Orientation Day
Nov	WBHS – Interviews and Enrolments start.

### KHS and WGHS Enrolment Interviews

If your child is attending (likely to be attending) either of the above schools next year please phone the school office NEXT WEEK for an enrolment interview (dates above). KHS interviews are from 1:00pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August / WGHS from 9:00am on 17<sup>th</sup> August.

If you miss these interviews you will need to make your own arrangements with the schools concerned.

### Incredible Years programme

... reminder, every Tuesday in the hall 10:00 to 12:30.

There may be a couple more slots for anyone keen to jump on board .. let us know if interested.

### **Choir performance at Forum North - 18 & 19 August**

More to follow but please pencil in the evenings of 18 and 19 August to support our choir at the Choir Festival to be held at the Capitaine Bougainville Theatre on these evenings.

Performances start 7:00pm on both nights, children are expected at the venue no later than 6:40pm please, with pick up from the rear entrance to the theatre at 8:30-8:45pm. Please ensure that children wear their Matarau T-shirts. Tickets (\$10 per adult, \$8 per child) are available from ticketek. The theme this year is "HAPPY".

### **Calf Club Day - Thursday 22nd October 2015**

A reminder - you need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves, lambs or goats. The animal must be born after 1st July 2015. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling. Goats are judged on rearing, leading & calling.



You can also bring a 'pet' which can include cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. Note that NO DOGS or PUPPIES are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day.



**Please do not bring pregnant animals or new-borns on the day as this could put them under stress that would not be good for their health. Also please make sure you bring along food and water for your animals as it can be a long day for them especially if it is sunny and hot.**

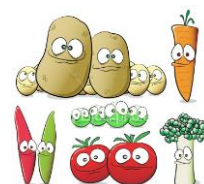
More information will be sent home closer to the end of the term.

### **Visit to Science Fair**

Please return consents for the Year 6, 7 and 8 trip to the Science Fair and Public Library on Wednesday 26 August. Children will travel by bus leaving 10:45am, returning by 3:00pm (year 6 children will need to pay \$5 for their bus fare - the year 7 and 8 fare will be paid for from their activity fee). Children need to bring their lunch, drink bottle and their Matarau School TShirt.

### **Home Gardens**

Expression of Interest forms were sent out this week for return by 21 August please. If your child did not bring a form home, and you would like one, please contact the school office.



### **International Schools Competitions**

A reminder that the maths exam will be held on Tuesday 11 August. Perhaps a break from practice papers over the weekend might be a good idea.

### **School Photos**

Will be sent home later next week. The school office is happy to take and pass on late orders for class or team photos up until Wednesday.

### **2016 Calendars, Cards, Diaries and Notebooks**

Order forms for 2016 calendars, cards, diaries and notepads were sent home a couple of weeks ago. While initially due back today, we have extended the due day until Wednesday 12 August. Parents are more than welcome to come and checkout their child's artwork .. there is some pretty awesome artwork here well worth memorialising or sharing in some way. You might be surprised at how good your child's artwork is!

### **Carpark Congestion / Safety**

It is inevitable that the carpark will get busy and somewhat congested either side of 3:00pm bell. Thank you so much for the care you take at this time ... children can be erratic and are not always easy to see.

In order to reduce congestion, and make things a little safer, we would encourage parents of older (non-junior) children to either ...

... pick their child(ren) up from the bottom bus bay

... to maybe delay pickup to 3:10/15 (as opposed to 3:00) to reduce congestion in the period immediately following final bell.

No matter what, please continue to be careful when driving past the school in the periods 8:30 to 9:00am and 3:00-3:30pm.

### Cambridge update

Preparations to implement the Cambridge Lower Secondary programme in the year 7 and 8 part of our school are progressing well and we are moving closer to final accreditation. This is a very significant shift in current practice and we realise that parents will have questions, and we want to be highly available to answer these questions.

While we are happy to be available on evenings, we have noticed that attendance at evening meetings is often very low, with parents seeming to prefer meetings just after school. If you would prefer an evening meeting (eg 7pm) in 2 to 4 weeks - please let Helen know next week and we will schedule a time if there is sufficient interest. We will still hold a series of after school meetings and Kevin is highly available by appointment (or you could take your chance and drop by my office).

**With this newsletter you will find brief answers to some of the questions we have already received, and questions we suspect will be at the forefront of your thinking. Feel free to drop by with any other questions.**

### Finally

A special thanks to James Henderson-Biss who sang and played guitar at this week's assembly. This was a brave thing to do James, and you certainly delivered a polished performance. James' performance was intended to signal our forthcoming Talent Show, scheduled for later this term. The Talent Show is an opportunity to celebrate those talents which can easily go unnoticed. Please encourage your children to dust off their talents and get to work. We will advise when auditions start.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella  
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### Community Notices

**Drama Classes** - Action packed drama classes in Whangarei and Ruakaka. Students develop confidence and communication skills in a fun, creative environment. Your child will make friends with other imaginers, actors, speakers and creatives just like them. We're getting ready for our end of year showcase so come on and join the fun. [www.makingascene.co.nz](http://www.makingascene.co.nz)

**LOST** - Kea trailer tailboard somewhere along Rushbrook / Matarau / Pipiwai Roads on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August. If found please phone Ben on 433 8371.

**Housekeeper Wanted** - We need a housekeeper for our home at the Worsnop Road end of the school zone. 2-3 hours per week. Please phone Sandy on 433 5622 evenings only

**Paddock Rocks Wanted** - We are looking for paddock rocks for our gardens. If anyone would like rocks removed from paddocks or has some spare, please phone Renee Montgomery 027 259 5233 or 4335063 or [hughrenee@hotmail.com](mailto:hughrenee@hotmail.com)

### **School Lunches**

**Mondays** - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

**Wednesdays** - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

**Fridays** - \$4.00 : Hot Mince or Mince & Cheese Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), Butter Chicken Wrap or Now NEW BBQ Chicken & Cheese Wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$5.00. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.

